(ii) *New Districts included for Daaee training during 2001-02*

Sl. No.	Name of the State	No. of Districts	Name of the Districts
1.	Andamaan & Nicobar	1	Nicobar
2.	J & K	8	Budgam, Anantnag, Kupwara, Pulwana, Leh, Kargil, Doda, Baramulla
3.	West Bengal	5	Cooch Behar, Purulia, Jalpaiguri, Murshidabad, Burdawan

Efficiency of laboratories to test bacteria, etc.

3493. SHRI ABANI ROY: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the various loboratories set up by Government to test bacteria, etc. are ill-equipped to produce quick and accurate analysis;

(b) if so, the facts and the details thereof;

(c) whether such labs are functioning below the international specifications and are unable to give correct and prompt results; and

(d) if so, the steps Government propose to take in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI A. RAJA): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) No, Sir.

(d) Does not arise.

Awareness projects on PNDT Act by NGOs

3494. DR. DASARI NARAYANA RAO : Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether NGOs have come forward to take up projects for generating awareness about the provisions of Pre-Natal Diagnostic Techniques (Regulation and Prevention of Misuse) Act, 1994 to contain declining sex ratio in the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the steps Government propose to take to encourage NGOs and general public for giving information or filing complaints of violation of PNDT Act?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI A. RAJA): (a) and (b) All Mother NGOs identified under the Reproductive and Child Health Programme were requested to take up project activities to create awareness about the provisions of the Pre-Natal Diagnostic Techniques (Regulation and Prevention of Misuse) Act, 1994 in the respective area of jurisdiction. Financial assistance has also been released to the following NGOs to carry out such activities in their respective project areas.

1. Orissa Voluntary Health Association, Bhubaneswar (Area: Orissa)
2. Voluntary Health Association of India, New Delhi (Area: Punjab, Haryana, H.P., Tamil Nadu).
3. Voluntary Health Association of Maharashtra, Wardha (Area: Wardha).
4. Uttar Pradesh Voluntary Health Association, Luncknow, U.P. (Area: Uttar Pradesh).
5. SAMNAVAY, Lucknow, Uttar Pradesh (Area: Uttaranchal).
6. Kerala Voluntary Health Services, Kottayam, Kerala (Area: entire State of Kerala).
7. Family Planning Association of India (Madurai Branch), Tamil Nadu (Area: Madurai).
8. Rural Education and Development Society (REDS), Tamil Nadu (Area: South Tamil Nadu).
9. Family Planning Association of India Mumbai (Area: Bhopal, Gwalior, Indore, Jabalpur, Patna, Gomia, Jaipur, Panchkula, Yamuna Nagar and Mohali).

(c) States/UTs have also been advised to provide protection to social activists and Non-Governmental Organizations giving information or filing complaints of violation of provisions of the Act.

Eradication of leprosy

3495. SHRIMATI VANGA GEETHA: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government propose to eradicate leprosy through National Leprosy Eradication Programme;

(b) if so, the details thereof;